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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending in the application for reconsideration. The amendment submitted April 24, 2006 was not entered. Applicants have canceled claims 9-20 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-8 remain pending for reconsideration.

Applicants have canceled claims 9-20 for business reasons not related to patentability, namely, to expedite the issuance of the present application. Applicants disagree with and do not acquiesce to the rejections of claims 9-20. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a continuation application on these or other claims.

In any event, applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-8. In order to expedite the issuance of the present application, applicants have canceled rejected claims 9-20, without prejudice or disclaimer, in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, the application is considered to be in condition for allowance. Early notification of the same is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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